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Media Release for the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers

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Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers Presents its 2008 Annual Report Connecting People Who Care with Causes that Matter

At its sixth annual meeting recently held at the Towanda Country Club in Wysox, PA the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT) presented the Foundation's sixth edition of their annual report to the community. The theme of this year's report is Connecting People Who Care with Causes that Matter.

The CFTT Board of Directors sees its job as connecting people who care with causes that matter. As Board Chair, Bill Ransom said, "The Board chose the theme of "connections" for this year's report to the community because it is at the core of creating a long-term sustainable organization and an increasing amount of grant funds each year."

The report gives the highlights of 2008 for the CFTT from the fact the CFTT saw a ninety-three percent increase in their asset base to moving into their first formal office space in downtown Sayre. The CFTT had 27 funds under management at the end of 2008 and saw their grant funds grow from \$9,000 in 2007 to \$22,000 in 2008. The CFTT also gained the ability to accept credit card donations.

The new funds for 2008 include the Elizabeth Alamo Scholarship Fund, Canton Area School District Academic Activity Fund, the Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga Outreach Center Endowment Fund, the French Azilum Agency Endowment Fund, the Donald and Linda Jayne Scholarship Fund, and the Katherine P. Kerrigan Estate Funds for Tioga County Rural Ministries and Waverly School District Scholarships.

One of the things stressed in the report is that once an endowment fund is established any member of the public can donate any amount to any of these funds. You don't have to be wealthy to give back to your community through the CFTT. The Annual Report for 2008 explains how the Foundation operates; the different ways people can contribute to the Foundation, and also lists all the donors to the Foundation in 2008.

The Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT) is a non-profit public foundation established in 2002 by a diverse group of local leaders and residents. The Foundation encourages community philanthropy to enhance the quality of life for those who reside in Bradford, Sullivan and Tioga Counties in Pennsylvania and Tioga County in New York State. It is one of over 750 community foundations in the United States.

The mission of the CFTT is to continuously improve the present and future quality of life in the counties served by the Foundation. If you have an interest obtaining a copy of the 2008 Annual Report, in learning more about the CFTT or in establishing a fund you can contact the organization by any of these methods: telephone - 570-888-4759; fax - 570-888-2179; email - cftt@stny.rr.com ; or visit the website - www.twintierscf.org.